

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1115

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Glenn Brooks Wilkins.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Glenn Brooks Wilkins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkins was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, willing to risk his personal safety and concerns for the protection and service of the good people of Tennessee, Brooks Wilkins distinguished himself during his remarkable thirty year tenure as a law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, a 1973 graduate of John Overton High School in Nashville, Mr. Wilkins earned an Associate of Arts degree in Law Enforcement in 1980 before graduating from Middle Tennessee State University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Wilkins began his career as a patrolman for the Middle Tennessee State Police Department in 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, he began working as a patrolman for the Murfreesboro Police Department, where he earned the 1985 Officer of the Year Award and a Citation for Apprehension of Felony Suspects; while working for the Murfreesboro Police, he also attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, which he later served as an instructor, and was a member of the S.W.A.T. team and a Field Training Officer; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. Wilkins became a Special Agent Criminal Investigator for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and went on to fill a number of important posts, including Special Agent for the Criminal Intelligence Unit in East Tennessee, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the East Regional Office in Chattanooga, and Assistant Special Agent in Charge in the Criminal Intelligence Unit in Nashville; in recognition of his superior expertise and

the éclat with which he always performed his duties, Brooks Wilkins acceded to the position of Special Agent in Charge of the Middle Tennessee Criminal Investigative Division in 2002; and

WHEREAS, a valuable resource in the Tennessee law enforcement community, Mr. Wilkins graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, took graduate courses in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, and attended the Tennessee Government Management Institute in 2005 and the FBI's Tennessee Law Enforcement Development Seminar in 2003; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career with the TBI, Brooks Wilkins was integral in building and growing the Bureau; for instance, he was instrumental in the creation of the Amber Alert and Tennessee Sex Offender Registry programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkins was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Wilkins, the son of Glenn B. Wilkins, Sr., and Nellie Seagraves Wilkins, enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Lisa K. Wilkins, his children, Christopher B. Wilkins and April D. Wilkins, his step children, Caroline Reeves and Christopher Reeves, his sister, Deborah Wilkins Harlan, his brother-in-law, Phillip Harlan, his brother, Gary Stephen Wilkins, his sister-in-law, Aquila Wilkins, his nephew Tim Harlan, and his niece Katy Wilkins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilkins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Glenn Brooks Wilkins, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wilkins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.